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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 0332

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNRWA
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UNRWA

REF: (A) 77 KUWAIT 7014, (B) 77 STATE 292033 (NOTAL)

1. KUWAIT CABINET AT ITS REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 15 APPROVED
CONTRIBUTION OF \$6000,000 TO UNRWA FOR 1978.

2. COMMENTING ON DECISION TO ECON CHIEF, FOREIGN MINISTRY
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DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS
FAISAL AL-RIFA'I (REF A) STATE THAT HE HAD PUSHED FOR A LARGER
CONTRIBUTION BUT THAT DECISION HAD BEEN TO APPROVE \$600,000
"REGULAR" CONTRIBUTION AT THIS TIME. RIFA'I SAID THAT \$1
MILLION ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA FOR 1976 HAD COME AS A
RESULT
OF EFFECTIVE APPEAL TO KUWAIT'S FOREIGN MINISTER BY

VISITING UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL, FOLLOWED BY
MESSAGE FROM UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO THE
AMIR. (AMBASSADOR TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON THEN-
CROWN PRINCE TO SUPPORT STRONGLY THESE APPEALS.
RIFA'I ADDED THAT LATENESS OF KUWAIT'S
"REGULAR" \$600,00 CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA FOR 1977
(MADE IN DECEMBER) RESULTED FROM AN OVERSIGHT.

3. COMMENT: RIFA'I LEFT DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT GOK
WOULD LIKELY RESPOND FAVORABLY TO APPEAL DIRECTLY FROM
UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL AND PERHAPS UN SEC. GEN.
ALONG LINES OF THOSE PREVIOUSLY MADE. A DEMARCHE
BY EMBASSY WOULD POSSIBLY HAVE MAXIMUM EFFECT IF UNRWA TAKES
THE LEAD WITH DIRECT AND HIGH-LEVEL APPROACH TO GOK. DEPT.
MAY WISH TO RECOMMEND SUCH ACTION TO UNRWA. IN OUR
DISCUSSION OF UNRWA MATTERS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW
WHAT THE UNRWA FISCAL YEAR IS AND WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE
NORMALLY DUE, POINTS ON WHICH WE, AND APPARENTLY ELEMENTS
OF THE GOK, ARE NOT WELL INFORMED.
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